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THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME



As a parent, you strive to provide the best education for your child. You want your son or daughter to think and reason, and to enjoy challenging classes that are relevant to his or her own experience. You want to instill a lifelong love of learning and a lasting quest for knowledge. These are the same expectations we have at North Shore.

We give our students the opportunity to learn by doing and the support they need to take risks. They excel individually and learn collaboratively at the same time. A student-to-teacher ratio of just 7 to 1 ensures that each student receives the personal attention and guidance that help him or her earn admission to the top colleges and universities. Every aspect of a North Shore education is designed to make sure that,



when they march up the aisle at graduation, our students are ready to face the world and every new opportunity ahead... that they have both a knowledge of who they are and confidence in their future... that they leave as good students and good people.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN



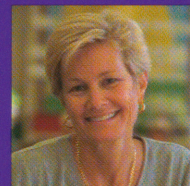
Since our founding in 1919, North Shore has been an exceptional environment for teaching and learning. With rigorous academic pursuit as the cornerstone, North Shore provides a wealth of opportunities for all students to excel – in the classroom and the laboratory, on the stage and the playing field, and in their communities. Just as our students are well-rounded, so too are our faculty, who bring a variety of talents and interests to the school.

Because classes are small and provide a stimulating environment for learning and exchanging ideas, a student will become a better reader, writer and analyzer at North Shore. Our teachers engage students in critical thinking and writing exercises every day and provide regular feedback on their work. Clearly defined expectations, coupled with challenging work assignments, give students the ultimate learning experience. And, since our teachers get to know the students personally, they can bring out the best in each one.

North Shore's commitment to languages begins in kindergarten, with Spanish. By integrating the study of languages and culture into our curriculum, we foster both an understanding of, and a respect for, the diverse cultures of the world.

The arts heighten academic performance as well, through early exposure and participation. At North Shore, fine and performing arts are an integral part of our curriculum. Whether they're singing in the chorus, playing a part on the stage or painting on canvas, we guide our students to express themselves within the context of many disciplines.

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"North Shore asks students to go one step beyond what they think they can do."

Susan Arthur
Senior
Kindergarten
Teacher



"The best thing a school can do is integrate technology into an already strong curriculum. That's what we do at North Shore."

Lynsey Wollin-Casey
Upper School
French Teacher





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AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE

At North Shore, we believe students learn best when they are active participants in the learning process. Rather than inundating them solely with facts and figures, we believe that education springs from a probing curiosity that every child has about the world. Our teachers work hard to both spark and guide that curiosity and find exciting ways to challenge students by bringing learning to life.

Our rigorous college preparatory curriculum includes hands-on, experiential learning. This balanced approach gives our students both a solid educational foundation and a passion for knowledge that, together, prepare them for the hard work required to excel in college.

Moving beyond textbook fundamentals, we introduce our students to science in real life ways. A day in the Lower School lab may find fifth graders dissecting owl pellets or kindergartners peering through microscopes at sea creatures. In their six-week study of biomes, seventh graders research land forms, flora and fauna. Upper School students experiment with organic chemistry, botany, ecology, physics and environmental sciences.

In all classes, students encounter challenging, hands-on, problem-based experiments that instill a respect for the lab and comfort with taking risks.

The North Shore math program prompts students to think conceptually, to reason clearly and to learn how to solve problems in real life situations. Our courses stress the fundamental processes and computation skills that give students a solid understanding and prepare them to use math in their everyday lives. For example, students may use equations to calculate credit card debt, mortgages and annuities, or employ exponential functions to figure out an amortization schedule.

Field studies are yet another unique opportunity to enhance a child's classroom experience. The fourth grade music curriculum in opera, for instance, includes a performance and backstage tour of the Lyric Opera. Our ninth graders' appreciation of dramatic literature deepens when they see a Shakespeare Repertory performance. In every grade, North Shore teachers create laboratories of learning that extend well beyond classroom walls.




"At North Shore, students realize they have a stake in their own success."

Ronna Stamm
A Parent and Trustee

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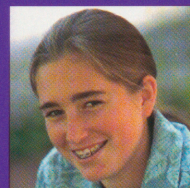
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Students at North Shore have many opportunities to lead. Whether guiding class discussions or rising to new levels as student directors, serving as team captains or initiating community service projects, students take the lead in activities they like best. And because our school encompasses kindergarten through twelfth grade, students have the opportunity to become friends and mentors to a range of age groups.

Leadership opportunities aren't reserved for the best player on the team or the most popular. Every student can become a leader at North Shore. And every student can develop the skills to stand apart from the crowd – in college, in a career and in the community.



"At North Shore, we all have a chance to become leaders. I never knew I could edit the yearbook, be captain of the field hockey team and organize the Outing Club, all in one semester."

Julie Webb
Class of '00

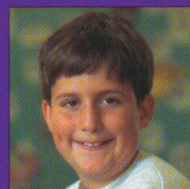
AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME TOGETHER

Community is at the heart of the North Shore Country Day School. The unique fellowship we establish builds a strong environment for learning, making friends and having fun. School spirit at North Shore runs the gamut from cheering at homecoming games and helping a third grade buddy, to volunteering for community service.

One of the most powerful demonstrations of our extraordinary community spirit is Morning Exercise, an all-school assembly. Twice a week, the entire school community gathers in the auditorium to be intrigued, entertained and educated. During

Morning Ex, we may be captivated by the rhythms of a Native American poet or a chamber orchestra. Enlightenment and education abound – whether it's an eighth grade student dazzling us with a vocal presentation or a renowned paleontologist enthralling us with prehistoric discoveries from a Sahara Desert expedition.

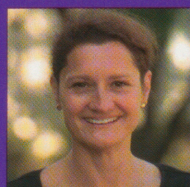
A favorite scene at Morning Ex is the North Shore buddy relationship between seniors and kindergartners. Sitting together in the front rows of the auditorium, older buddies share the experience with their younger friends.



"Being at North Shore is like having another whole family."

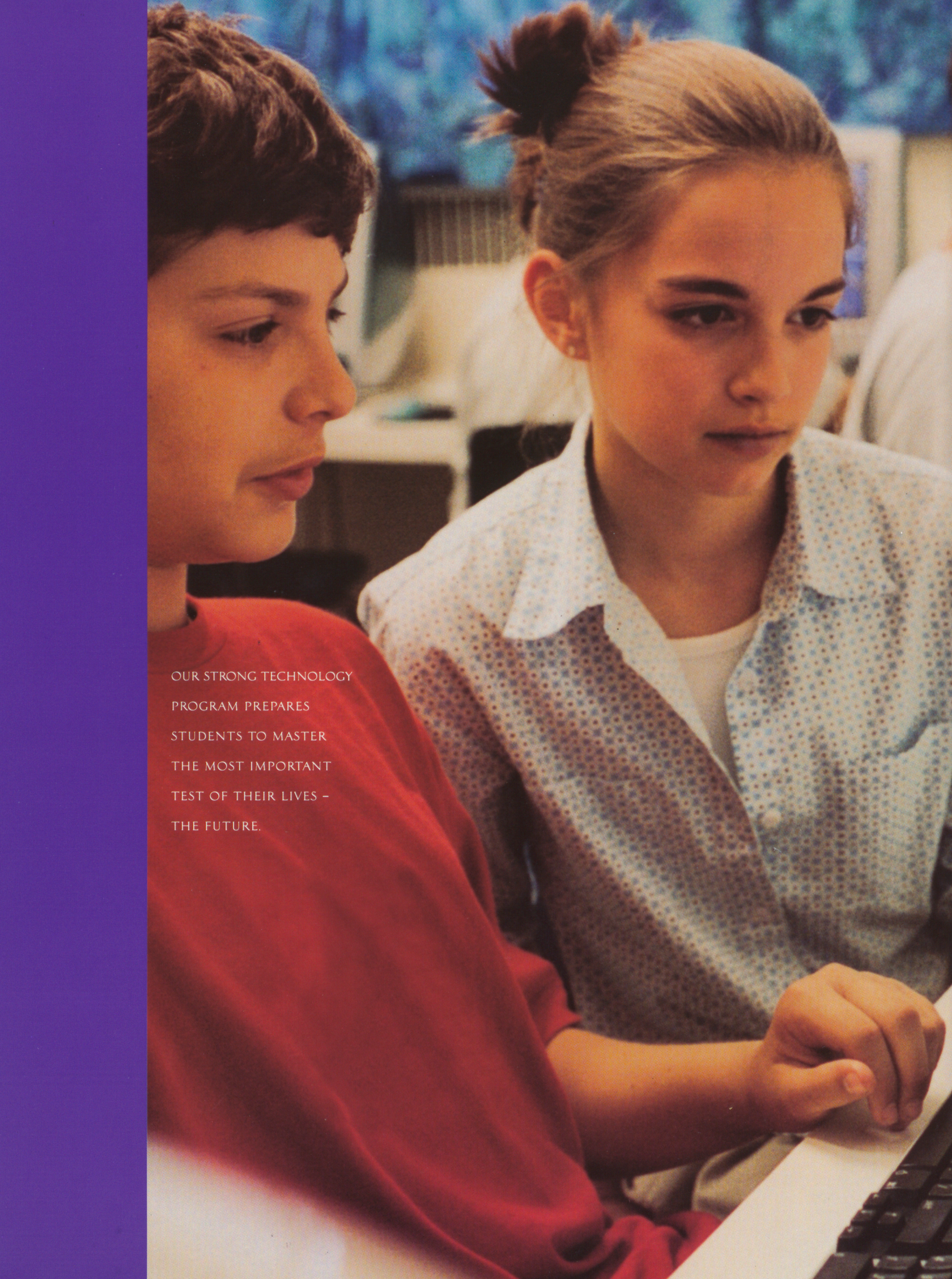
Gibbs McCullagh
Class of '06

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"My 5-year-old had a birthday party and we sent out 10 invitations to 5-year-olds and one to a 17-year-old."

Pam Conant
A Parent and
President of
the Parents'
Association

A photograph of two young people, a male and a female, sitting at a desk and looking at a computer screen. The male is on the left, wearing a red long-sleeved shirt, and the female is on the right, wearing a light blue patterned button-down shirt over a white t-shirt. They are both focused on the screen. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a classroom or computer lab setting with other people and equipment. A solid purple vertical bar is on the far left side of the image.

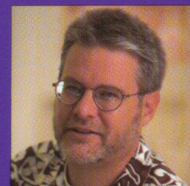
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AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PERSONAL ATTENTION

Teachers are the strength of any school, and North Shore is blessed with an outstanding faculty. Rejecting the notion of teacher as authoritative source of all knowledge, our faculty members find ways to bring out the unique talents in each student, whether a budding young scientist or promising actor. Our teachers exude a passion for learning and a passion for kids that's unparalleled.

With a school-wide student-teacher ratio of 7 to 1, individual attention is the hallmark of the North Shore classroom. The very same teacher who stretches a student's mind with Shakespeare may be there late in the afternoon encouraging him or her at

track practice, or sitting in the front row at the student's first concert. Such teacher commitment and support, qualities you simply won't find in big public schools, are the norm at North Shore.



**"I teach kids,
not history."**

Kevin Randolph
History
Department Chair



FROM THEIR VERY FIRST DAY IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH UPPER SCHOOL GRADUATION, NORTH SHORE STUDENTS ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN MAKING THEIR WORLD A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.



AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK

At North Shore, "Live and Serve" is not just the school motto; it becomes a way of life, a plan of action, a part of who we are. From their very first day in kindergarten through Upper School graduation, North Shore students are actively involved in making their world a better place to live, whether they're preparing and serving meals at a homeless shelter or tutoring peers at Chicago's Asian Youth

Center. This all-encompassing involvement not only teaches students a respect for others and a sense of responsibility to society, but it makes them more well-rounded individuals and prepares them for life's challenges.



"As coordinator of Christmas in April, I oversaw 25 Upper School students who helped repair a youth center. I was so amazed that all this change was taking place in one day, and was so proud that North Shore could be a part of it."

Rachel Goodman
Class of '99



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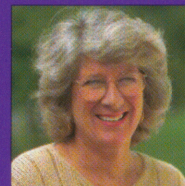
AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHINE

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EXPERTISE AND COMFORT
WITH AUDIENCES OF
ALL SIZES.

The size of a large school prevents many students from getting involved in sports, clubs and extracurricular activities. Only the stars make the team ... only the best actors win roles in school plays.

At North Shore, students can pursue all areas of interest. Our sports

program promotes involvement by requiring all ninth and tenth graders to play a sport. Once their requirement is fulfilled, most Upper School students continue honing their athletic skills by playing at least one team sport.



"At North Shore, we have many stars in our Milky Way. And they all shine brightly!"

Julie Hall
Head of School,
1992-2000

AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTNER

YOU PARTNER WITH
TEACHERS AND
ADMINISTRATORS IN YOUR
CHILD'S EDUCATION.

As a parent of a North Shore student, you partner with teachers and administrators in your child's education. Whether you'd like to get involved with fund raising, assisting in the cafeteria, or

chaperoning field trips, we welcome and value your commitment. And our teachers are readily available to meet with you to discuss your child's progress.



"North Shore is a place where my daughter and son are valued, supported and challenged. What could be better than that?"

Jeff Colman
A Parent and
Trustee

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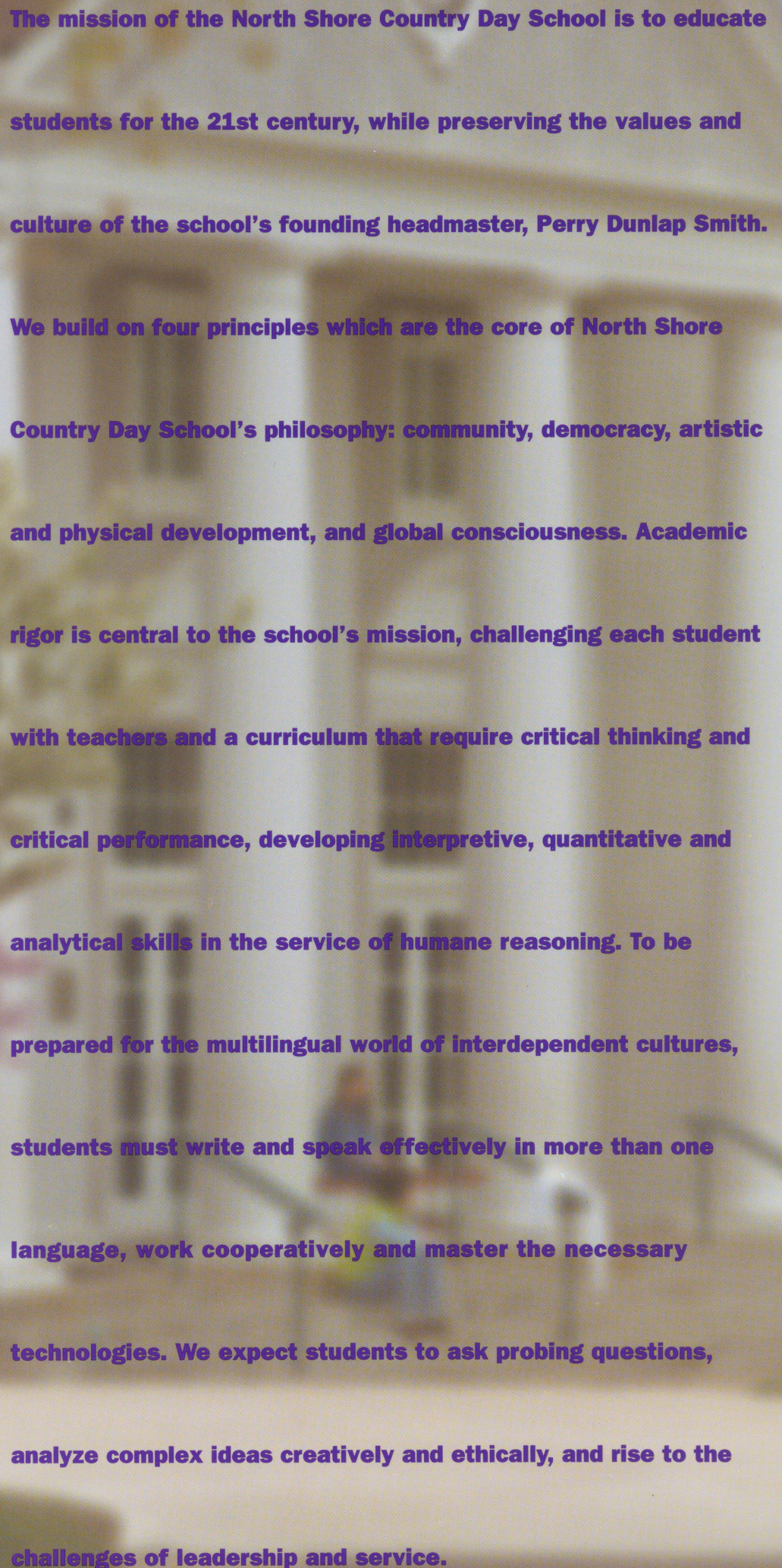
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The more opportunities your child encounters in school...learning, leading, mastering technology...the greater poised he or she will be for creating opportunities in life.

At North Shore Country Day School, we challenge all students to make the most of these opportunities to discover their talents and interests. And we succeed because our small size, our supportive and caring teachers, and our extensive curriculum give children opportunities most public schools are just too large to provide. From academic excellence to sports, from extracurricular activities to the arts, from community

service to technology, a North Shore education is your child's best foundation for high school, for college and for life.





The mission of the North Shore Country Day School is to educate students for the 21st century, while preserving the values and culture of the school's founding headmaster, Perry Dunlap Smith.

We build on four principles which are the core of North Shore Country Day School's philosophy: community, democracy, artistic and physical development, and global consciousness. Academic rigor is central to the school's mission, challenging each student with teachers and a curriculum that require critical thinking and critical performance, developing interpretive, quantitative and analytical skills in the service of humane reasoning. To be prepared for the multilingual world of interdependent cultures, students must write and speak effectively in more than one language, work cooperatively and master the necessary technologies. We expect students to ask probing questions, analyze complex ideas creatively and ethically, and rise to the challenges of leadership and service.



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